

U.S. PTO Customer No. 25280

Case# 5258

REMARKS

In response to the Examiner's various rejections and objections, Applicants have cancelled Claims 2 through 4 (the latter of which the Examiner considered to contain allowable subject matter) and have incorporated the bulk of the cancelled subject matter into amended Claim 1. Accordingly, Applicants believe that Claim 1, as amended, and all claims directly or indirectly dependent therefrom, should now be in condition for allowance.

Similarly, Applicants have cancelled Claim 19 (which the Examiner considered to contain allowable subject matter) and incorporated the cancelled subject matter into amended Claim 18. Accordingly, Applicants believe that Claim 18, as amended, and all claims directly or indirectly dependent therefrom, should now be in condition for allowance.

Applicants have also made the change suggested by the Examiner with respect to Claims 34-49, thereby rendering those claims allowable, as stated by the Examiner. In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is now in condition for allowance and request reconsideration of rejected Claims 1, 9, 12, 13, 15, 17, 18, 24, 28, 30, 32, 33, and 34-49, and objected-to Claims 5-8, 10, 11, 14, 16, 19-23, 25-27, 29, and 31. Applicants respectfully request that this application be passed on to issue.

Respectfully requested,

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